

## House Resolution No. 2745

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Jim Dent of Oak Grove has attained distinction as a senior engineer with Argus Consulting who is known for his engineer's understanding of infrastructure, ability to keep meetings running smoothly, and interest in obtaining a much-needed new wastewater treatment facility for his hometown; and

**Whereas**, Jim Dent enhanced his already impressive record of achievement through his election and service to the Oak Grove office of Mayor, a patriotic venture which he is now bringing to an honorable close; and

**Whereas**, Jim Dent was first elected to the Oak Grove mayoral office in 2000 and has subsequently served his local community in that position for two terms; and

**Whereas**, with a freeze on sewer hook-ups to one of the city's two lagoons, Jim Dent used his leadership as Mayor and his understanding of engineering to aid in the process of bringing the city of Oak Grove into compliance with state demands to construct a sewage plant able to handle the needs of the area's growing population; and

**Whereas**, a native of Independence, Jim Dent moved to Oak Grove in 1960 and then graduated from Oak Grove High School before continuing his education through the successful pursuit of an engineering degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, Jim Dent is the beloved husband of Vickie Dent and the loving father of two wonderful children; and

**Whereas**, Oak Grove is a town of more than 4,500 residents which is strategically located just east of Kansas City on Interstate Highway 70 in Jackson County that is itself home to more than 600,000 residents:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the dedication, commitment, and service provided to the citizens of Oak Grove by Jim Dent during his tenure on the Oak Grove Board of Aldermen and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as he turns his time and energy to other worthwhile endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jim Dent of Oak Grove.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bryan Pratt  
District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2745, adopted May 6, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker